

The very bottome and the soule of Hope,
The very list, the very vtmost bound
Of all our Fortunes.

Doug. Fayth, and so we should,
Where now remains a sweete reuersion.
We may boldly spend vpon the hope of what it is to come in,
A comfort of retirement liues in this.

Hot. A randeuous, a home to fly vnto,
If that the Diuell and Mischance looke big
Vpon the maydenhead of our affaires.

Wer. But yet I would your Father had been heere:
The qualitie and heire of our attempt
Brookes no diuision, it will be thought
By some, that know not why he is away,
That wisdom, loyalty, and meere dislike
Of our proceedings, kept the Earle from hence.
And thinke, how such an apprehension
May turne the tide of fearefull faction,
And breed a kind of question in our cause:
For, well you know, we of the offering side,
Must keepe aloofe from strict arbitrement,
And stop all sight-holes, euery loope, from whence
The eye of reason may prie in vpon vs:
This absence of your Father drawes a curtaine,
That shewes the ignorant, a kind of feare
Before not dreamt of.

Hot. You straine too farre.
I rather of his absence make this vse,
It lends a lustre and more great opinion,
A larger dare to your greate enterprize,
Then if the Earle were heere: for men must thinke,
If we without his helpe, can make a head
To push against the Kingdome, with his helpe,
We shall, or turne it to plie turuy downe:
Yet all goes well, yet all our ioynts are whole.

Doug. As heart can thinke, there is not such a word
Spoke of in Scotland, as this deame of feare.

Enter Sir Rich. Vernon.

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Hot. My coosen *Vernon*, welcome by my soule.

Ver. Pray God my newes be worth a welcome, Lord.
The Earle of *Westmerland*, seauen thousand strong,
Is marching hitherwards, with Prince *Iohn*.

Hot. No harme, what more?

Ver. And further, I haue learnd,
The King himselfe in person hath set forth,
Or hitherwards intended speedily,
With strong and mighty preparation.

Hot. He shall be welcome too; Where is his Sonne,
The nimble-footed mad cap, *Prince of Wales*,
And his Cumrades, that daft the world aside,
And bid it passe?

Ver. All furnisht? all in Armes?
All plumpe like *Eltriges*, that with the winde
Bayted like Eagles, hauing lately bath'd,
Glittering in golden Coates like Images,
As full of spirit as the moneth of May,
And gorgeous as the Sunne at Midsummer;
Wanton as youthfull Goates, wild as young Bulls:
I saw young *Harry* with his Beuer on,
His Cushes on his thighes, gallantly armed,
Rise from the ground like feathered *Mercury*,
And vaulted with such ease into his seate,
As if an Angell dropt downe from the Cloudes,
To turn and winde a fiery *Pegasus*,
And witch the world with noble Horse-manship.

Hot. No more, no more, worse then the Sunne in March.
This prayse doth nourish Agues; let them come,
They come like Sacrifices in their trim,
And to the fire-eyde mayde of smokie warre,
All hot and bleeding, will we offer them:
The mayled *Mars* shall on his Altar sit
Vp to the eares in bloud. I am on fire
To heare this rich repizall is so nigh:
And yet not ours. Come, let me take my Horse,
Who is to beare me like a thunder-bolt,
Against the bolome of the *Prince of Wales*.

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Harry